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Letters and papers of Dr Cecil Roth relating to the Jewish community at Salonika at the end of the Second World War

Arrangements were made in 1961 between the University of Leeds and Dr Cecil Roth (1899-1970) for the acquisition of his outstanding library of printed books and manuscripts, the purchase being facilitated by a very generous anonymous benefactor. Amongst this material were various modern business papers and letters which Dr Roth no longer required to retain, including this small group concerned with the condition of the Jewish community in Salonika, their desecrated cemetery, and Greek Jewry in general at the end of the Second World War. All the items are in English.

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Papers

1. Album of 22 photographs of the Jewish cemetery at Salonika, no date. [c. 1946]. 21 ff.
Inside front cover: rubber stamp of Jewish Community of Salonika.
2. List showing losses of the Jewish population of Greece from German persecution in 1943 and 1944, compiled by the Central Board of the Jewish Communities of Greece, no date.
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3. Memorandum by Ann Molho of the Jewish Relief Unit, Salonika, on relief and rehabilitation work for Greek Jewry, 4th June 1946. 11 ff.
TS (duplicated); further dated '30th June 1946' on f. 11r.
4. Memorandum on the Jewish cemetery in Salonika by Cecil Roth, 18th July 1946. 2 ff.
TS (duplicated); 4 copies.
5. An anonymous memorandum on the Jewish cemetery at Salonika, apparently compiled by those who accompanied Cecil Roth on his visit to Salonika in July 1946, dated August 1946. 11 ff.
TS (carbon copy).

6. Memorandum by Alfred H Cohen, regional director at Salonika for the American Joint Distribution Committee, on Jewish education in Greece, 1946. 7 ff.
TS (duplicated).
7. Memorandum by Alfred H Cohen on prospects for the Jewish community in Greece, dated Salonika, April 1947. 8 ff.
TS (carbon copy).
8. An anonymous memorandum (probably by Alfred H Cohen) on the problem of the ancient Jewish cemetery at Salonika since August 1946, dated April 1947. 4 ff.
TS (carbon copy).
9. Memorandum by Alfred H Cohen on the need for combating manifestations of anti-Semitism in Greece, dated April 1947. 4 ff.
TS (carbon copy).
10. Reply to a questionnaire on Jewish problems in Greece, dated April 1947.
TS (carbon copy); probably compiled by A H Cohen.

Correspondence

11. Paul Mason
6 March 1945
Foreign Office (Refugee Department), 3 Cleveland Row, London SW 1.
To: Solomon Schonfield
The fate of Spanish Jews in Greece.
TS (carbon copy).
12. Ann Molho
4 December 1946
American Joint Distribution Committee, 6 Ermou Street, Salonika.
To: Cecil Roth
Continued desecration of the Jewish cemetery; resignation of A H Cohen; his successor; encloses item (6). 2 ff.
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13. A Menache and A Safan
14 February 1947
Jewish Community of Salonika, 24 Vassileos Heracliou Street, Salonika.
To: Cecil Roth
Their plan for a new cemetery and an appeal for support. 2 ff.
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14. A Menache and V Almosnino

16 February 1947

Jewish Community of Salonika, 24 Vassileos Heracliou Street, Salonika.

To: Cecil Roth

Letter of introduction for George Nehama, a member of their cemetery committee.

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15. Liliane Cannon

17 February 1947

Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, 7 Endsleigh Place, London WC 1.

To: Cecil Roth

Forwarding an account by Ann Molho of the revival of Jewish education in Greece.

TS; attached, Ann Molho's account (4 ff.; TS).

16. Ann Molho

21 April 1947

c/o 4th Div. Postal Unit, Salonika, BFIG

To: Cecil Roth

About the album of photographs; Jewish education in Greece.

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17. Ann Molho

20 June 1947

c/o AJDC, 6 Ermou Street, Salonika.

To: Henry Oscar Joseph

Jewish education in Greece. 3 ff.

TS (carbon copy).

18. Abraham Schreiber

30 December 1947

Central Board of the Jewish Communities of Greece, 1 Ipiti Street, Athens.

To: Central British Fund for Jewish Relief, Woburn House, London WC 1.

Report on the situation in Greece especially in connection with education. 4 ff.

TS (duplicated); translated into English.

19. Brian Benjamin Shefton

11 May 1948

British School of Archaeology, 52 Odos Souedias, Athens.

To: Israel Goldfarb

The Jewish cemetery at Salonika. 3 ff.

TS (carbon).